

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, re-examination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, are respectfully requested.

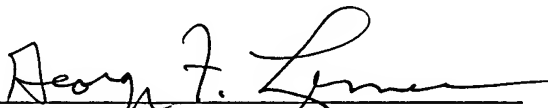
By the present response, Applicants have removed the previously deleted bracketed material from Claim 31 and have indicated that Claim 48 is "Currently Amended." Claims 23-35 and 37-59 remain pending in this application.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 838-6683 at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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